

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. UK

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2. South Vietnam

a. Civil restiveness continues, and tight controls, including use of military security units, will probably be maintained despite the lifting of martial law.

b. Reports are again circulating that Diem and Nhu are planning governmental "reforms," such as putting some key military men in the cabinet.

c. It is said Nhu will move out of the palace as an indication of disassociation from Diem, but we think he will have a hot line handy.

d. Meanwhile, North Vietnam is trying to exploit the world outcry over the plight of the Buddhists.

e. Hanoi has publicly reiterated demands to the UN General Assembly that the US withdraw from South Vietnam.

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3. Malaysia

a. Both Indonesia and the Philippines have refused to recognize Malaysia.

b. They have implied recognition is still possible if some further concession on self-determination is made, and may press for another Maphilindo summit conference in October.

c. There is some indication that Foreign Minister Subandrio gave the word for Indonesian mobs to attack the Malayan and British embassies.

d. At the height of the stoning at the British embassy, however, the assistant military attache strolled around playing the bagpipes in full view of the mob.

4. Cuba

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5. Cuba

a. The regime is going all out to make a major propaganda splash out of the forthcoming architects' conference.

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b. Opening in Havana the end of September, it will be the first bona fide international professional gathering in the country since Castro declared Cuba a "socialist" state.

c. Cuban news media are predicting 3,000 delegates from 80 countries will show up. Havana is offering them fare discounts, and student delegates will get free room and board.

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6. South Korea

a. The on-again, off-again return of exiled strongman Kim Chong-pil before the October elections now appears to be on.

b. Junta chairman Pak probably figures Kim, who favors harsh repressive measures, can assure a government victory.

c. Kim will visit New York and Washington, starting on Friday. He hopes to meet with business, military, and congressional personalities to create an impression of American support.

7. Israel-US

a. Deputy Prime Minister Eban, in a conversation with Ambassador Barbour on Friday, plugged for closer security arrangements with the US as the most feasible deterrent to Arab attack.

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b. According to Eban, Israel does not want to commit its resources to the acquisition of new weapons, although Nasir is constructing missiles against which Israel has no defense.

c. He indicated that his government would settle for a clear understanding, as among "allies," on what would be done in specific contingencies.

NOTES

- A. Australia-USSR Australia has also just sold wheat to the Soviets--1.2 million tons, presumably to be delivered within a year--and we see other indications that Australia is generally interested in trade with the Bloc. The US Consul in Sydney believes that the government has been "less than candid" about the reception and activities of a recent East German trade delegation. Permission has been given for Bulgarian and Hungarian trade offices at Sydney [redacted]
- B. Algeria-USSR Algeria has received its first substantial aid from the Communists, a Soviet line of credit for \$100 million. Specific development projects are still to be negotiated, but there are indications that the Soviets are willing to complete projects abandoned by the French. Ben Bella, now president, yesterday made noises about nationalizing "all the lands of the settlers and of the traitors as well," the latter phrase apparently referring to wealthy Moslem landowners.
- C. Venezuela Terrorists of the Communist-led FALN did not succeed in completely disrupting last Friday's mass meeting of Betancourt's Democratic Action Party. Attendance, however, was only about half of what was expected, and for the first time in several months homemade bombs were exploded in Caracas. FALN threats to kidnap the US Ambassador appear to be more than mere bravado.

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- D. Brazil The Communist-dominated General Workers Command is threatening to call a nation-wide strike this week. The government is said to be ready to counter by declaring a state of siege. Should violence break out, the War Minister and a majority of the military would probably support strong measures by Goulart.